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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Martin Kurth et al.
Serial No. : 10/554,079
Filing Date : October 21, 2005
For : DEVICE FOR FASTENING AT
LEAST ONE ELONGATE OBJECT
TO A BASE
Group Art Unit : 3679
Examiner : Victor L. MacArthur
Attorney Docket No. : 16-885P/US-5201

Mail Stop Amendment - RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2009 and the Advisory Action dated August 21, 2009 and prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.